Combat and Special Interest Programs help increase readiness. See page 2-3 for an overview of the programs and POCs here.



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New commander

The 65th Contracting Squadron Assumption of Command Ceremony will take place on 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Activities Center Ballroom as Maj. Robert Burns assumes command of the squadron.

A reception for the new commander and his family will follow the ceremony with cake and refreshments.

Adults needed

The Lajes Girl Scouts are looking for adult volunteers. Troop meetings begin in September and all team members must be in place and trained.

For more information, contact Toni Leonard at 295-549-514 or Box 1050.

Hillside closure

The Hillside Lanes Bowling Center will be closed Tuesday through Aug. 15. Burger King will still be open for busi-

VA representative

A Veterans' Administration representative will give a mass briefing at 9 a.m. Aug. 5 in the Crossroads Theater.

Individual appointments will be available for military members and their spouses on the afternoon of Aug. 5 and all day Aug. 8 in the family support center.

For information, call the FSC staff at 2-4138.

Preflight

- Days since last DUI .. 94
- DUIs since Jan. 1 2
- Current AEF 5 & 6
- Current FPCON Alpha
- Combat Nighthawk

team: Capt. Philip Wang 65th Medical Operations Squadron; Master Sgt. James Kimble, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

Top of the Rock undergoes organizational realignment

65th ABW Public Affairs

Lajes' Top of the Rock Club is undergoing an organizational realignment to eliminate financial losses in their food operations.

Various rumors have circulated about the TORC's future. Some stories pronounce the club dead and closing, other accounts have sold it off to private corporations such as Chili's.

"None of these reports are true," said Mr. Kevin Gontarek, Top of the Rock Club manager.

The truth is that the club is enduring an organizational realignment by reducing the number of employees and/or work hours of some TORC employees.

After evaluating his options, the 65th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Robert Winston, determined that contracting out the club food operation is the best way to achieve the objective of eliminating the

losses while maintaining service to members club and the base community.

The TORC is a non-appropriated fund (NAF) business activity requiring it to be self-sustaining. The club dining room operation has been losing \$200,000 per year leading to the bankruptcy of the base Morale. Welfare and Recreation fund. The MWR fund supports base activities, such as arts and crafts, the bowling center, and the youth center.

Francisco Coellho, Top of the Rock chef, stirs a pot of soup Wednesday in the club. (Photo by Staff Sqt. Marcus McDonald)

The club has suffered through financial losses for several years.

Club management has been working since 2002 to reduce the losses in food operation. This already afflicted organization suffered its last blow when operations, once conducted using the Portuguese escudo, changed to the current euro where the dollar is significantly weaker. From that point it could

In conjunction with U.S. Air Forces in Europe direction, the 65th Air Base Wing leadership directed the changes in the club dining room operation to stop the financial losses.

All decisions are being made in accordance with the terms of the Labor Agreement and Work Regulation, which governs employment relations between the United States and its Portuguese employees. The 65th ABW coordinates these courses of action with the Commander of the Azores Air Zone as outlined in the agreements between the two nations.

"The specific details of those affected by the realignment are still under review," said Mr. Gontarek. "Leadership from the 65th Air Base Wing are very sensitive to the impact of the organizational realignment on current employees and is working very hard to place affected employees in other positions at Lajes, where possible.'

A tiger team, consisting of representatives from services, civilian personnel, contracting and legal, assembled to assist with these employment changes. They began with reviewing skills of club employees. Information was then gathered from all Portuguese wing employees in an effort to identify those who would volunteer to terminate

> their employment contract. From there, the team identified potential placement options from those released from the TORC.

'Our goal is to make this change as seamless as possible to our members, customers and employees," said Mr. Gontarek. "We are doing our best to make this transition in a manner that maintains the same level of service to our members and other

customers, while simultaneously taking care of our dedicated TORC employees.

"The lounge operation and cashier's cage will remain as in-house operations," said Mr. Gontarek. "We may experience some growing pains during the first month or so of this transition. If this happens, we are confident any challenges will be quickly over come. The bottom line is when the organizational realignment is fully completed, there will be no loss in services to our club members and our MWR fund will be viable to better serve our community.'

Although the TORC is not closing completely, it will shut its doors during the first two weeks in August to perform necessary maintenance, cleaning and repairs.



Combat Intro/Exit

Paula Hillenbrand, Pentagon Federal Credit Union manager, briefs a group during Wednesday's Right Start session in the family support center. (Photo by Staff Sqt. Marcus McDonald)

Focus notes

Combat Touch August chapel events

All events are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.

- Canned Food Drive at Mass: 10:30 a.m.

 Aug. 7 Mass at Chapel. For more information call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Glaros at 2-4211.
- Catholic Men of the Chapel Mass and Dinner: 6 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Base Chapel. For more information call Chaplain Glaros at 2-4211.
- Catholic Women of the Chapel Mass and Dinner: 6 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Base Chapel. For more information call Chaplain Glaros at 2-4211.
- New Creation Café (A Christian Café): Aug. 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Eddies Place. For more information call Chaplain (Capt.) David Knight at 2-4211.
- Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/ Breakfast: 80 a.m. Aug. 20 at the Base Chapel. For more information call (Capt.) David Knight at 2-4211.
- SUM Dinner (AFSA): 5:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Base Chapel. For more information call Chaplain Glaros at 2-4211.



Customer oriented

Staff Sgt. Janelle Holland, 35th Comptroller Squadron, assists Tech. Sgt. Kevin Schumacher, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Thursday. Customer service is one of the focal points in Combat and Special Interest Programs, or CSIPs. Lajes' Customer College recently graduated students from their July 22 class. The distinguished graduate was Tech. Sgt. Philip Peters, 65th Communications Squadron. Other graduates are: Staff Sgt. Brandon McGhee, 65th Medical Group; Staff Sgt. Frank Burcar, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Senior Airman Brandon Fenner, 65th Operations Support Squadron; Gina Cardoso, 65th Mission Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Tiffany Moen, 65th CS; and Staff Sgt. Eric Daly 65th LRS. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)



USAFE Combat and Special Interest Programs enhance mission, people

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Combat and Special Interest Programs, established in September 2003, were designed to increase readiness, take care of people and accomplish the mission in an organized and effective way by adding to or enhancing current base programs.

This page was developed to highlight the goals and point of contact for each program.

The Combat Programs are Combat Care, Combat Education, Combat Flightline, Combat Touch, Combat Intro and Exit, Combat Fitness, Combat Nighthawk and Combat Proud.

The Special Interest Programs are Combat Wingman, Hidden Heroes, Project CHEER, Project SMART, Project Connect, Customer College and Project Wiz-

Some of the programs, like Customer College, Project Project SMART, Combat Flightline and Combat Intro and Exit are service and mission oriented programs designed to help the mission move more smoothly and ef-

Hidden Heroes highlights volunteerism, Combat Fitness' goal is to help Airmen reach a higher level of physical fitness, and Combat Nighthawk helps company grade and senior noncommissioned officers gain leadership experience.

Project Connect is designed to boost mentorship of junior officer and enlisted military people. Combat Touch and Project CHEER are aimed at ensuring the base has activities to keep Airmen spiritually and emotionally fit, and Combat Education's goal is to increase the numbers of Airmen in advanced education.

Combat Proud's objective is improving base appearance and Project Wizard is designed to increase opportunities at the li-

The goal of a local program, Combat Focus, is for the base public affairs office and AFN to highlight the CSIPs and their local impact, as well as cover overall Lajes mission stories.

People are encouraged to contact the various points of contact if they have any suggestions to make these programs more effective and successful.

Combat, Special Interest Programs

Combat Wingman

POC: Maj. Craig Green — 2-5113

Objective: Promotes and sustains Wingmen relationships that will help every Airman know they have someone on which they can rely for help and support.

Combat Nighthawk

POC: 1st Lt. Micha Bartron — 2-3247 Objective: Develop leadership skills and increase operational awareness among company grade officers and senior noncommissioned officers

Combat Fitness

POC: Capt. Lisa Tauai — 2-3889

Objective: Improving the physical fitness of our Airmen to meet the growing demands of our combat culture.

Combat Proud

POC: Col. Danny Leonard — 2-6501 Objective: Improving base appearance to foster pride and productivity and strengthen the commitment to our professional military way of life

Combat Education

POC: Maria Tristao-Rocha — 2-3355 Objective: Remove barriers to allow Airmen to pursue advanced education

Customer College

POC: Lt. Col. John Oliver -- 2-5212 Objective: Deliver the training, resources, tools and skills require for customer service professionals to provide comprehensive care that exceeds customers expectations

Combat Care

POC: Master Sgt. Margaret Jett — 2-1185 Objective: Designed to improve the care, attention and information flow spouses and families receive white the military member is deployed

Combat Intro/Exit

POC: Lt. Col. Phillip Rutledge — 2-3607 Objective: Streamline base inprocessing and outprocessing procedures.

Combat Touch

POC: Chaplain (Capt.) David Knight -

Objective: To infuse enthusiasm in Lajes community members to pursue matters of the spirit through active anticipation in varied programs

Combat Flightline

POC: Maj. Alan Coker -- 2-4169 Objective: Ensuring the best people are in the right jobs and ensuring resources are applied in the most efficient and effective

Project SMART

POC: Lt. Col. John Roden — 26137 Objective: Promote a "Safety Culture" at Lajes Filed, emphasizing "Doing it Smart." Initiative focuses on personal risk manage-

Project CHEER

POC: Capt. Samantha Elmore — 2-3217 Objective: Creating an environment of energy and enthusiasm for single and unaccompanied airmen when they need it.

Project Connect

POC: Lt. Col. Anne Sproul — 2-3489 Objective: Provide a forum where senior officers counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officers on a one-on-one basis.

POC: Barbara Biljan — 2-3688

Objective: Increasing the opportunity for members and families to study and explore through base libraries.

Hidden Heroes

POC: Carol Burns — 2-4138

Objective: To identify, recognize and encourage members at USAFE bases to serve as volunteers with base/community agen-

Commander's Action Line

Call 2-4240 or e-mail actionline@lajes.af.mil.

Combat Proud question

Q: I accept the Combat Proud challenge and when I walk around base, I pick up litter. Unfortunately trash receptacles

seem to be few and far between. Can the base add more trash cans around commonly walked routes?

A: Thanks for your call and thank you for stepping up to the Combat Proud challenge. The success of this program depends on everyone on the base being an active participant. We have quite a few dumpsters around base and the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron is in the process of adding more. Thanks to your suggestion.

Our civil engineers will also take a look at places where smaller trash receptacles might help out. They'll find the right balance between providing convenience to base personnel, while at the same time keeping from having so many that they become unsightly themselves. They'd appreciate any input from Team Lajes on specific locations that might benefit this important effort — please contact the 65th CES customer service experts at 2-3335 with your recommended locations. Thank you.



Meet The New Commander

Lt. Col. John Oliver

65th Services Squadron



Hometown: Melbourne, Fla. **Time in service:** 17 years, 9 months

Previous assignment and job: Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon -- Predator Remotely Piloted Aircraft Program Element Monitor

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? Being involved in the total community. Also, interacting with and experiencing the culture of our Portuguese hosts.

What's the most rewarding part of being a commander? Literally making an impact on the most important part of the mission – the people. Also, the fact that on a daily basis, my squadron is required to produce results. It really makes coming to work each day exciting.

Goal(s) for the unit:

- 1. Increase squadron pride
- 2. Restructure the Top of the Rock Club operations into the most efficient and financially successful in the command
- 3. Enhance the quality of life for the squadron and entire base community by delivering first rate service at all of our Services' activities
- 4. Successfully renovating and re-opening the Tradewinds Dining Facility and Chace Fitness Center

Hobbies: Coaching sports (baseball and basketball), playing board games and sports with my sons, bowling

What else do you want our readers to know about you? My family and I are very happy to be here. So far, the base and local community has been better than we could have hoped for.

Officials discuss theft prevention

Securing valables key

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald 65th ABW Public Affairs

Multiple facilities at Lajes have recently been the victim of larceny.

As a result of this series of break-ins, base officials are reminding the base community of specific steps they can take to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

"People working in government facilities can help prevent these types of crimes by practicing good security measures," said Special Agent Orlando Lopez, Det. 516, Air Force Office of Special Investigations at Lajes. "During the recent thefts, high dollar government electronics and personal property were stolen, i.e. digital cameras, PDA's, cell phones, personal money left in drawers and containers, as well as snack bar and booster club funds.

"It is up to each person to ensure high-dollar government property is secured, preferably in a safe, prior to departing for the end of the day," SA Lopez said. "Furthermore, people should not leave spare change in desk drawers or storage containers on their desk since this is a prime target for would-be thieves."

This case proved that larceny can even happen on base, said Staff Sgt. Jean-Pierre Lapre, 65th Security Forces Squadron's NCOIC of reports and analysis.

"Many people simply think that larceny can't happen here because we're on a military installation - but this case proved otherwise," Sergeant Lapre said. "It's evidently clear that unsecured areas increase the chances of items being stolen, regardless of where you are"

Reporting crime is vital to the criminal justice system, Sergeant Lapre explained.

"Reporting crime allows our military and civilian investigative agencies to take appropriate actions in attempting to solve these crimes," he said. "Through innovative technology, we are able to lift fingerprints, determine how and where the suspect(s) gained entry to the area, and seize any potential evidence that could lead to the identification of the criminal(s)."

Drug testing procedures change for junior enlisted, officers

By 1st Lt. Michael Hyland 65th ABW Public Affairs

The Air Force will select 100 percent of its junior ranking troops for drug tests by the end of 2005 as part of a new procedure called Smart Testing.

Smart Testing, which began in November 2004, randomly selects more members in grades E-1 to E-4 and O-1 to O-2 than in the higher enlisted and officer ranks.

"Young Airmen are four times more likely

to test positive for illicit drugs," said Shelley Satterlee of the Demand Reduction office.

At Lajes Field, 51 percent of the junior enlisted and officer populations had been selected to test at the six-month point as part of the new Smart Testing system, according to Ms. Satterlee.

Air Force drug testing responds to recent trends in counter drug testing products as well as age patterns in drug users.

"There are products that claim to 'beat the test.' For every such product, the lab re-

sponds with a test to catch that product," said Ms. Satterlee. "The laboratory at Brooks-City Base, Texas, spends as much time searching for adulterants and abnormalities in samples as looking for drugs. If a sample were adulterated or not normal, another sample would be collected, and the person would be under suspicion."

The 100 percent selection rate this year is a jump from the 65 percent from 2004.

For more information about the Smart Testing program, call Ms. Satterlee at 2-4252.



Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Season in Full Force

By Capt. Bradley Stebbins 65th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight commander

Lajes Field has entered the 2005 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Season, which lasts through the end of November.

The recent Hurricane Condition (HURCON) exercise tested the wing's readiness in the event of a storm, and in much the same way. "Preparation and education are the keys to a safe season for the rest of the base community," said João Santos, 65th Operations Support Squadron forecaster.

Sr. Santos graduated from the Air Force Tropical Weather class at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He has studied hurricane dynamics for several years as a forecaster at Lajes. "Historically, the Azorean archipelago has not been prone to strikes from tropical weather. The threat is low because the relatively cool ocean temperatures will not sustain a storm and the islands lie outside the prime storm track," he explained.

The threat remains however, as evident by the three hurricanes and four tropical storms that have struck the islands in the last 50 years. According to the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla., Hurricane Emmy brought sustained winds of 80 mph and dozens of deaths to the islands in

1976. As recently at 1998, a weak tropical storm threaded the gap between Terceira and São Miguel, narrowly missing Angra and Ponta Delgada.

"Most have felt the very intense winds atop Santa Rita Ridge; however, while these gusts can reach hurricane force, the tower wind sensor rarely records a sustained wind of 74 mph,



the threshold for a Category 1 hurricane," said Sr Santos. The distinction between a sustained wind and wind gusts is important because longer duration winds have the potential to cause greater damage.

Hurricane Conditions (HURCONS)

CONDITION	TIME/POTENTIAL
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4	72 hours prior to possible
	arrival of 50 knots (58mph) winds.
3	48 hours prior to possible arrival of 50
	knots (58mph) winds.
2	24 hours prior to possible arrival of 50
	knots (58mph) winds.
1	12 hours prior to possible arrival of 50
	knots (58mph) winds.

The OSS weather flight will make HURCON recommendations to the wing leadership based upon a storm's projected track and movement. "The base commander is the only one who can implement a HURCON on Lajes Field," said Carlos Rocha, forecaster and another recent graduate of the tropical school. The table below explains what each HURCON means:

"The greatest tool to educate yourself and prepare for a hurricane is *The Ever Vigilant*," said Capt. Chris Lance, Civil Engineer Readiness flight commander. This can be found in every base phone book. This section is published by the CE Readiness Flight to outline what to do in the event of a disaster. In it, there is a subsection devoted to hurricanes and winter storms. After reviewing the guide, Capt. Lance recommends that everybody "talk to their families and Wingman, discussing their plan in the event of a Hurricane."

When a storm actually threatens Lajes, AFN will be the main public source for weather information and other instructions. For more detailed reports, the National Hurricane Center has a website with all the latest bulletins, forecasts, and facts www.nhc.noaa.gov.

During any natural disaster, like a hurricane, the weather flight's main objective is to keep the wing leadership and public affairs briefed on the potential weather impacts for Lajes Field. The highly trained staff will ensure the Lajes Field decision makers have the most accurate information to protect the base and its population.

Everyday Hero

Capt. Mark Anderson

65th Medical Operations Squadron

Duty title: Flight surgeon

Job description: Caring for the health of the Lajes population

Hometown: Bradenton, Florida

Time in the Air Force: 1 year, 5 years in the Army as a Cavalry Scout Helicopter Pilot.

Spouse/children: Wife, Elisa What's the best aspect of your job? The coffee in Maj. Melendez's office

What are your career goals? To enter the Pilot Physician program and eventually become a resident in aerospace medicine leading to command

Best military experience: The Gulf War in '90

One word to describe you: Active

Life goal: Have a halftime clinic in Costa Rica on a beach

Hobbies: Diving, paragliding, sailing, judo, fishing, surfing

Favorite food(s): Sautéed sweetbreads and foi gras

Pet peeve: Apathy

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: I still haven't figured that out yet!

The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is: Retire and buy land in Costa Rica with an airstrip and a marina.







Lunch time

Tech. Sgts. Myra and David Beyer share a picnic lunch with their 22-month old son Jaiden Beyer, at the Child Development Program's annual picnic lunch July 22. More than 60 parents attended the lunch for familes. The brown bag lunch is one of four meal-time events throughout the year, including an ice cream social in September, family feast in November, and a holiday brunch in January. The CDP has 68 children in their program from age 6-weeks to 5-years old in full-time care or the part-day program. Drop-in care is also available on a limited basis. For more information, call 2-3188. (Photo by Olivia Smith)

Flight chief takes over ALS

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud 65th ABW Public Affairs

Lajes is now home to an official Airman Leadership School with the arrival of a new ALS flight chief and first permanent professional military education instructor assigned here.

Tech. Sgt. Cat Fischer is the first ALS flight chief to be assigned to Lajes.

Previously, Senior Airmen could attend ALS at Lajes, but classes were taught by ALS instructors TDY from across the Air Force. When Lajes was realigned under U.S. Forces in Europe, instructors from other USAFE bases would come TDY to Lajes to teach the ALS classes here.

"We won't have to bring in as many instructors," said Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Wyatt, PME USAFE manager.

Various instructors from other schools in USAFE meant different styles of teaching in each ALS class at Lajes.

Having a permanent flight chief position provides a foundation and consistency in both scheduling classes and lesson plans.

"Prior to my arrival, there was no continuity in the running of the program," said Sergeant Fischer. "I'm working on building a solid foundation and continuity to provide the best training we can to our newest noncommissioned officers and Air Force supervisors."

It will also allow more opportunity to Lajes Airmen attending ALS. "We're now better able to get eligible Airmen in at the right time in their career," said Sergeant Wyatt, PME USAFE manager

Senior Airmen typically attend ALS when they have 48 months time in service or a line number for promotion to staff sergeant. An exception is 42 months time in service for Airmen who are PCSing to Korea.

In the past, students had to wait until the last minute to see if there would be a class, which depended on the availability of other instructors. "We may or may not have been able to get instructors here," said Sergeant Wyatt.

"My ALS background was beneficial," Sergeant Fischer said of her four years experience as an ALS instructor at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

Her first ALS class started shortly after she arrived and without that prior ALS experience she wouldn't have been as prepared to start a class. "My experience was vital to the planning stages and preparing things for the first class," she said.

Her job as flight chief will include all aspects of operations including the resource program. In addition, she will teach more than a normal ALS flight chief usually would.

Other ALS instructors from USAFE will still augment the ALS here, but Sergeant Fischer will be the continuity for the Lajes ALS to provide continuity to the program for future students.

"We're so happy to have her on board," expressed Sergeant Wyatt.

The next class is scheduled to begin Oct. 3. For more information about ALS, call Sergeant Fischer at 2-6140.



A little country

Country singer Keni Thomas and his band Cornbread performed in the Top of the Rock Club Sunday in a concert for Team Lajes. (Photo by Guido Melo)

What do you do when no one is watching?

By Special Agent Jason Engholm Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Det. 246

When you think of the expectations you have for your organization, superiors, peers and subordinates, what comes to mind? What core belief, beyond any other, are you adamant on to the last stand?

Of course, many of us would be able to rattle off the Air Force core values without a thought or extra breath. However, maybe there is something even deeper, yet more simplistic, than those three bold statements. Something like, "Do the right thing, even when no one is watching."

Several years ago while working at an office in Europe, I heard a new Air Force Office of Special Investigations region commander explain his expectations for OSI agents in Europe. During his speech, he methodically returned to his basic standpoint of above all else, "Do the right thing."

No matter if it was during a witness interview, while conducting threat assessments in Latvia or performing background investigation checks in Germany, he always said, "Do the right thing." I, along with many others who heard that commander speak, have taken that bit of professional and personal advice to heart. I now feel that subtle, yet powerful, phrase is the key to a strong ethical code.

So, how do you follow this code and make the right choices and actions? Is there a magic formula or an instruction that outlines how a person should make decisions and act? No, unfortunately there is not. We must depend on our training, personal integrity and commitment to each other.

To abide by this expectation, we have to remain true to our training and cannot cut corners, bend the rules or stretch the truth. For example, at a recent meeting, I witnessed a foreign national counterpart decline alcohol refreshments because his commander — hundreds of miles away — issued an order that prohibited his nation's personnel from consuming alcohol while in theater

Even though others were able to indulge, and there was little chance anyone would find out, my friend stuck to his personal obligation to do the right thing. I respect my friend for his courage and commitment to duty.

In addition to staying true to the rules of our profession, we must insist on the integrity to take the path of the challenging right over the simple wrong. In the end, an honorable life is more rewarding than an easy one. The last portion of this expectation is to have the yearning and commitment to watch out for each other. Simple things such as replenishing paper towels in the bathrooms and engaging each other in conversations about life can accomplish this.

We should exploit the chance to mentor and develop each person and grade at every opportunity and share the principles of leadership and management regardless of our own rank. We must develop and nurture the people we work with as we perform as a team to uphold the high expectations we have for our profession and selves.

"Do the right thing." It is a simple approach to life that is the critical core to a strong ethical code. By living by this philosophy, we remain faithful to our vocation, ourselves and each other.

Commander's Line

Call 2-4240 or e-mail actionline@lajes.af.mil.

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems - but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line.

Thank you!

Col. Robert Winston 65th Air Base Wing commander





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Praia Fest 2005 begins Aug. 5

By Eduardo Lima Community relations adviser

This year's Praia Fest will take place Aug. 5-13 in Praia da Vitória. Unlike Sanjoaninas Festival in Angra, Praia Fest doesn't have a long tradition. It began in 1978 and has been held in the town of Praia since then, first every other year and later annually.

This is the sixth consecutive year that Praia Fest includes an international food fair as part of its activities. This year's fair will feature restaurants from the island, mainland Portugal and Italy, representing the cuisine of those regions.

The following schedule of events includes some of the festival's highlights. (Note: all parades will take place in the town's main street, square and waterfront next to the marina.)

Aug. 5

Noon- Opening of 6th Food Fair of the Atlantic

9:50 p.m. - Parade of Praia's marching band

10 p.m. - Opening parade featuring the theme "From Myth to Creation"

11:30 p.m. - Concert by concert band from Gançaria, mainland Portugal (main square)

Midnight - 1st Praia Blues Festival featuring "New Orleans All Stars" (soccer field); concert by Fado singer Patricia Rodrigues (waterfront); concert by Dixie Gringos Jazz Band (marina); DJ music in Dream Zone tent (soccer field).

Aug. 6

4 p.m. - Paintball-Speedball Challenge (wetland area behind soccer field)

9:30 p.m. – Parade of folklore dancers 10 p.m. – 1st Praia Blues Festival featuring "Johnny Blues Band"

10:30 p.m. - Performance of folklore dancers (main square)

11 p.m. - Concert by genuine African music band "Terrakota" (waterfront)

11:30 p.m. – Concert by "Starr Faithfull" band (Dream Zone tent) **Midnight** – Concert by Angra Jazz Band (marina)

1 a.m. - DJ music in Dream Zone tent

Aug. 7

9:30 p.m. - Parade of local marching bands

10 p.m. - 1st Praia Blues Festival featuring "Magic Slim & the Teardrops" (soccer field); concert by concert bands from Praia and Vale da Pinta (main square); concert by Terceira Island's traditional guitar group (waterfront)

12:30 a.m. - DJ music in Dream Zone tent (soccer field)

Aug. 8

10 p.m. - Parade of local marching groups

11 p.m. - Concert by Portuguese pop band "Polo Norte" (soccer field)
11:30 p.m. - Concert by Portuguese traditional music band

"Canto da Terra" (waterfront)

Midnight - Concert by jazz band "Nana Septeto" (marina); concert by local rock band "Stream" (Dream Zone tent) 1:30 a.m. - DJ music in Dream Zone tent (soccer field)

Aug. 9

6 p.m. - Street bullfight in Juncal

9:30 p.m. - Parade of Mardi Gras groups

10 p.m. - Performance by Mardi Gras groups (main square); concert by band "Pop Del Bar" (Dream Zone tent)

11 p.m. - Concert by the "Light Orchestra of Biscoitos" (waterfront); concert by jazz band "Nana Septeto" (marina);

2 p.m. - "Lisbon by Night" featuring DJ Lucio (Dream Zone tent)

Aug. 10

6 p.m. - Street bullfight in Juncal



9:30 p.m. - Children's parade

11 p.m. - Concert by Portuguese rock band "The Gift" (soccer field) Midnight - Concert by classic guitar player Vitor Castro (marina) 12:30 p.m. - Concert by "Umple True" rock band (Dream Zone tent)

1:30 a.m. - DJ music in Dream Zone tent (soccer field)

Aug. 11 (Municipal Holiday)

10 a.m. - Reception to Portuguese Navy tall ship "Creoula" (praia port); commemoration of the "11 Aug. 1829" battle in Praia bay and homage to former combatants.

2 p.m. - Running of the bulls for children (cemetery road next to Modelo store)

6 p.m. - Street bullfight in Quatro Ribeiras

8 p.m. - Simulation of accident rescue by Praia Firefighters'

8:30 p.m. - Parade of national and foreign folklore dancers 9:30 p.m. - Performance of folklore dancers (marina and main square); concert by flute and piano featuring Nuno Inacio and Paulo Pacheco (main church)

11 p.m. - Concert by Portuguese pop music band "Da Weasel" (soccer field)

Midnight - Concert by African music singer Danny Silva (marina)

12:30 a.m. - DJ music in Dream Zone tent

Aug. 12

5:45 p.m. - Search and rescue demo by Portuguese Air Force's Puma helicopter in Praia bay

6 p.m. – Bullfight at Praia beach

10 p.m. - Concert by Latin music band "Cuba Libre" (waterfront); concert by Portuguese rock band "EZ Special" (soccer field)

11 p.m. - Concert by British rock band "Fish-Marillion" (soccer field) Midnight - Concert by jazz band "Elsie's Quintet" (marina); DJ music in Dream Zone tent.

Aug. 13

4 p.m. - SAR demo by Portuguese Air Force's Puma helicopter in Praia bay followed by air show with PoAF demonstration team, "Wings of Portugal"

6 p.m. - Street bullfight (cemetery road next to Modelo store) 9:30 p.m. - Parade of Praia Firefighters' Fanfare and Praia Fest marching group

10 p.m. - Concert: "Idols" (finalists) (location TBA)

Midnight - Fireworks show with music featuring the theme 'Voyage to the Future" (Praia bay)

12:20 a.m. - Concert by jazz band "Elsie's Quintet" (marina)
12:30 a.m. - Concert by rock band "Spacebys" (Dream Zone tent)

1:30 a.m. - DJ music in Dream Zone tent.



[Above] Paulo Azera, Lajes Fire Department, swims as part of the four-lap swimming portion of the Chace Fitness Center's triathlon Saturday. [Below] A member from each of six three-person teams jogs as part of the 5K portion of the triathlon. [Right] Pawel Tluczek leads the bike ride up the hill of Main Street as part of the 10K cycling portion. Tluczek and his teammates from the 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Lyle Riley and Nathan Angel, won the overall competion. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Featherston)







Game Schedules

Intramural Softball

Monday

6 p.m. - LRS vs. SMAC 7:10 p.m. - Med Gp vs. OSS 7:10 p.m. - SFS vs. CES #1 8:20 p.m. - Med Gp. vs. CES #2

Wednesday

6 p.m. - Med Gp vs. CES #1 6 p.m. - COMM vs. SMAC 7:10 p.m. - LRS vs. SFS 7:10 p.m. - CES #2 vs. OSS 8:20 p.m. - AMS vs. SFS

Summer Basketball League Monday

6 p.m. - SMAC vs. COMM 7 p.m. - CES vs. AMS

Aug. 8

6 p.m. - LRS vs. SMAC 7 p.m. - COMM vs. CES

Co-ed Softball

Thursday

6 p.m. - LRS vs. CES 7:10 p.m. - Med Gp vs. Ladies/Varsity

Intramural Horseshoes Monday

11 a.m. - SMAC vs. CES noon - COMM #1 vs. COMM #2

Aug. 8

11 a.m. - COMM #2 vs. SMAC noon - CES vs. COMM #1

Note: Schedules subject to change. To see the latest updates, visit http://eteamz.com/bomdia.

Timeout

Intramural bowling

Units planning to participate in the 2006 bowling season must turn in their entry letter to the 65th Services Squadron's athletic department by Aug. 30. No entries will be accepted after this date.

Leagues begin Sept. 6. A team meeting of all coaches and team captains takes place at 10 a.m. Aug. 30 in the community center.

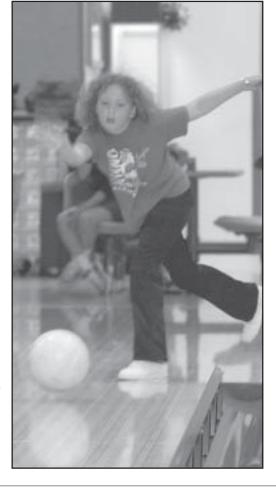
For more information, call 2-1290/295-549-1290.

Intramural flag football

Units planning to participate in the 2006 flag football season must turn in their entry letter to the 65th Services Squadron's athletic department by Aug. 31. No entries will be accepted after this date.

Leagues begin Sept. 7. A team meeting of all coaches and team captains takes place at 10 a.m. Aug. 31 in the community center.

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Down the lane

The daughter of Sharon Haynie, Lajes' Bowling for Stars and Stripes winner for July, breaks in the family's new bowling ball. The next drawing is set for Aug. 17. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

Lajes Sports Standings

Team	1	N	L T
CES		2	1 0
SMAC		2	1 0
AMS		2	2 0
COMM		1	3 0
Intramural	Soft	ball	
Team	W	L	Т
CES #1	17	2	0
LRS	16	3	0
COMM	15	4	0
AMS	13	8	0
SFS	. 10	10	0
SMAC	7	12	0
OSS	. 7	13	0
CES #2	. 3	16	0
Med Gp	0	20	0
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Co-ed So	ftbal	1	
Team	W	L	Т
CES	5	1	1
LRS	3	3	0
Med Gp	1	5	1
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Summer Basketball

Intramural	G٥	lf	
Team	\mathbf{W}	L	T
COMM #1	. 7	0	0
OSS	5	1	1
CES	5	2	0
LRS	. 4	3	0
SMAC	2	3	2
AMS	2	5	0
COMM #2	. 1	5	1
Med Gp	0	7	0

	Intramural S	Soccer		
Tear	m	W	L	\mathbf{T}
LRS		. 3	2	1
OSS	/SMAC	. 3	2	1
CES		. 2	3	0

Intramural Ho	rse	sh	oes
Team	W	L	T
COMM #1	4	2	0
CES	4	2	0
SMAC	4	2	0
COMM #2	0	6	0

Note: For further updates, visit http://eteamz.com/bomdia.



Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun.-Thu.; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Frank's Franks: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Sat.

Oceanview Island Grill: Lunch 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sun. Specials, with fries or salad & drink: Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" 2-topping pizza; Wed., fried shrimp; Thu., 16" 1-topping pizza or taco salad; Fri., lasagna. Pizza specials only come with

Subway: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; noon-6 p.m. Sun.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m. Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets & specials: Mon., Southern buffet, traditional club sandwich, chef salad; Tue., Mexican buffet, rancho burger, chicken fajita salad; Wed., Italian buffet, meatball sub, chicken Caesar salad; family dinner buffet; Thu.,

Oriental buffet, beef stir-fry sandwich, mandarin chicken salad; 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, fish sandwich, tuna salad; Prime & Wine dinner; Hoof & Fin dinner special.

Chapel

Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Tue., Thu., Fri., 1st & 4th Wed.; 6 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Wed.

Tuesday

Charismatic prayer 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Protestant men's/women's lunch/study noon; Catholic choir practice 5 p.m.; Protestant youth bible study 5:30 p.m. T-1412A; traditional choir practice 6 p.m.; hand bell choir practice 7 p.m.

Thursday

Gospel choir practice 7 p.m. Sunday

Protestant Celebration of Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.; Protestant traditional service 9 a.m.; Protestant Sunday school 10:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.;

Protestant Gospel service & fellowship noon; Protestant teens/ youth 6 p.m.

Base services

Barber shop: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m. Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-midnight Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.

Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. & Portuguese holidays

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun., Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Library: 4-9 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Manicure shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

New Car Sales: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun.

PFCU: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Thrift shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon. & Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri & 3rd Sat. of the month.

Vet clinic: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 1-7 p.m. 1st, 3rd Wed.

Youth & teen center: 3-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight Fri., Sat.



Today: 7 p.m. "Madagascar," rated PG for mild language, crude humor and some thematic elements. Four residents of the New York Central Park Zoo: Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe, and Gloria the hippo have spent their whole lives living happily in a zoo. Then Marty falls in with a crowd of devious penguins, who bring him along in their escape attempt. When Alex realizes his friend is missing, he leads a company of critters on a search that takes them all outside the zoo for the first time. **10 p.m. "Cinderella Man,"** rated PG-13 for intense boxing violence and some language. In the middle of the Great Depression, there came along a most unlikely hero, James J. Braddock a.k.a. the "Cinderella Man" who had crowds cheering on their feet as he proved just how hard a man would fight to win a second chance for his family and himself. Then, finally, comes the match of Braddock's life, as he boldly agrees to face off against world heavyweight champ Max

Baer, a cocky powerhouse of a fighter with a punch so lethal he has already killed two men in the ring. Some say that Braddock will never even survive the match. Indeed, the odds are ten to one in Baer's favor as Braddock steps into his corner.

Saturday: 7 p.m., "Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants" rated PG for thematic elements, some sensuality and language. Four best friends, Tibby, Lena, Carmen and Bridget spend their first summer apart

from one another, they share a magical pair of jeans. Despite being of various shapes and sizes, each one of them fits perfectly into the pants. To keep in touch they pass these pants to each other as well as the adventures they are

going through while apart.
Sunday: 2 p.m, "Madagascar" 7 p.m., "Cinderella Man" Wednesday: 7 p.m., "Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants" Thursday: 7 p.m., "Madagascar

Note: Movies and times shown are subject to change with little or no notice. For more information, call the base theater at 2-4100/295-57-4100.

AFN Sports

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Friday

AFN-Atlantic

Outdoors: The Outdoorsman, 10:30 p.m. MLB: Washington Nationals @ Florida Marlins, 11 p.m.

AFN-Sports

MLS: Chelsea @ DC United, 12:30 p.m. PGA Tour: Buick Open: Second Round, 7:30 p.m. MLB: Minnesota Twins @ Boston Red Sox, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim @ NY Yankees, 4:30 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NASCAR Busch Series: Wallace Family Tribute 250, 11:30 p.m.

AFN-Sports

Boxing: Friday Night Fights, 12:30 p.m. MLB: Chicago White Sox @ Baltimore Orioles,

PGA Tour: Buick Open, Third Round, 7:30 p.m. MLB: Minnesota Twins @ Boston Red Sox, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic

Bull riding: PBR Built Ford Tough Series, 7:30 p.m. **AFN-Pacific**

Motorcycle riding: AMA Motocross, 8:30 p.m. **AFN-Sports**

MLB: Washington Nationals @ Florida Marlins, 4:30 p.m.



Street bullfights

Saturday: 6:30 p.m., Santa Rita Hill

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m., Fontinhas

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., **Fontinhas**

Thursday: 6:30 p.m., Santo Antonio, Fontinhas

Other local events

Photo exhibit: A World Press Photo Exhibit can be seen daily from 7 to 10 p.m. through Aug. 11 at the cultural center in Angra. Admission is free.

Arts and crafts fair: An arts and crafts fair takes place at the marina in Praia from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. every Sunday through Aug. 28.

Praia Fest: The annual fest will be held Aug. 5 to 13 in Praia da Vitoria. It will include an international food fair as well as several bullfights, parades and concerts. For more information,

Base events

VA visit: Paul Pittman, a Veterans' Administration representative, will brief members on VA benefits from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 8 at the family support center. He will also take one-on-one appointments on the afternoon of Aug. 8 and all day Aug. 9. This is the first time in two years a representative has come to Lajes. For more information or to sign up, call 2-4138.

Lajes Youth Program:

Cheerleading camp is Aug. 15-19 for ages 5-18. Sign up is available at the youth center.

There will be a Missoula Children's Theater Aug. 8-13. It is limited to 60 performers ages 6 (and have finished kindergarten) through 18.

The LYP Soccer season sign ups are Aug. 8-19. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information on any of the above programs, contact the youth center at 2-1197.

Golf tournament: 65th Mission Support Group booster club is sponsoring a 4person best ball scramble golf tournament Wednesday with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is \$10 per player, plus green fees. Contact Master Sgt. Jon Kristof at 2-6456 to register.

Heartlink: Do you want to learn more about what it is like to be a part of the military? If you are a civilian spouse, you can join Heartlink and find out more about the Air Force. Enjoy a free "chicken Alcatra" lunch and a cooking demonstration. You could win an Alcatra pot along with other prizes. Meet new spouses, play games and come to have fun. Childcare certificates are available. Call the family support center at 2-4138 to sign up.

Education center

OU classes: Enrollments for Independent Directed Reading and internships for fall term are still open. The last day to enroll is Sept. 1. Enrollment for "Current Problems in HR " is underway. The last day to add/drop this course is Aug. 8. For more details, call Jacyln Kemp at 2-3171.

Volunteer/jobs

LYP Instructors needed: The Lajes Youth Program is looking for qualified instructors for karate, dance, tumbling, and cheerleading to teach classes for the LYP. For details, call Laura Niswonger at 2-1197.

Bookkeeper: The thrift shop has a part-time bookkeeper position open. If interested, call 2-

Services vacancies: The following positions are vacancies or anticipated vacancies within the 65th Services Squadron: lifeguard, recreation aids for the pool and the community activity center and a child development program assistant. To apply for any of these positions, visit the 65th SVS Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112. For more information, call the HRO staff at 2-5200.

Administrative teers: Lajes Elementary School is in need of administrative volunteers. If interested, call 2-3491. Volunteer opportunities are available during the summer and the upcoming school year.

Legal office volunteers: The 65th Air Base Wing Legal office is looking for volunteers to help answer phone calls and do light administration work. If interested, call 2-3546 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Bank job: Pentagon Federal Credit Union has a job opening for a branch service representative. Previous banking experience preferred. DEROS must be after December 2006. Apply at Bldg. T-202 or call 295-513-221 for more information.

Lunch monitors: Lajes schools have paid lunch monitor positions open. To apply, visit the elementary school office and pick up an application from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 2-3491.

Crossing guards: The elementary school needs adult volunteer crossing guards. Help is needed in the morning and afternoon during the times children are arriving and departing each school day. For more information, call the school at 2-6216.

Bus monitors: Lajes is looking for volunteer bus monitors for the upcoming school year. If interested, contact Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil or 2-1314.

Subs needed: Lajes high and elementary schools need substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Pick up applications at either school between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call Paula Carnley at 2-3491 or Lori McCov at 2-4151.

Administrative assistant: TolTest, Inc. has an immediate opening for an administrative assistant. The job includes providing administrative support for a base project. The candidate must be able to work a full-time schedule with the ability to fulfill the duties of the position for the duration of the assignment (approximately 18 months). Interested persons should submit a resume and cover letter to: TolTest, Inc., c/o Human Resources, 1915 N. 12th Street, Toledo, OH 43624 or email: hr@toltest.com.

Miscellaneous

AFIT program: The National Reconnaissance Office is looking for candidates for the FY 2006 Air Force Institute of Technology program. There are no specific officer grade requirement for applying. For more information, e-mail mla.df.safstforcedvlp@pentagon.af.mil call DSN 898-2891 or (703) 808-2891.

School registration: Parents who haven't registered their children for the upcoming school

year can do so now. For elementary school registration, call Cidalia Dias at 2-6216 and for middle/high school registration, call Stephen Kless at 2-4151.

First day of school: Elementary and middle/high school students begin Aug. 29; kindergartners begin Sept. 6; Sure Start begins Sept. 19.

Drop boxes: Box top and food labels, which allow the elementary school to get free items, can now be dropped off at either the post office or the elementary school.

Extra parking: Extra school parking is available beside the school by the playing field near the youth center. Parents should park at this location and walk to pick up their children so there isn't a traffic jam.

Meal program: Parents interested in the free/reduced price meal program for upcoming school year should e-mail Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil for an application.

Bus application: Parents who live off base should also email e-mail Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil for a bus application. This will allow the school to map out bus routes.

Classifieds

Submit ads via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

For sale: Play train table with six plastic storage drawers underneath. Sells for \$150 but only asking \$100. Call Michelle at 295-549-771.

Large calico cat free to a good home. Very friendly, fixed, shots up to date and comes with litter box and food bowl. Call Michelle at

For sale: 1989 Fiat Uno. Black sedan. 5-speed. In very good shape. One owner. Gets 65 miles per gallon. Asking \$850. Inspection passed and registered on base.
Call 295-903-209.

PCS sale, everything must go: Two dehumidfiers, \$60 each. Microwave, \$35. Toaster oven, \$25, portable basketball hoop, \$20. DVD movies, \$7 each. Music CDs, \$5 each. Various household decorations/items, men and women's clothing. Call Michael at 295-543-332 or 2-6830.

For sale: 2000 Chevy Malibu, silver. PCS'ing, Must sell. Will Negotiate. \$7,000 O.B.O. Call Monique 295-515-667or 969-592-189.

For sale: Klipsch center channel speaker, KSF-C5, in original box. 100 watts, 8 ohms, 24x7x7, black, 16 lbs. \$75. One recently sold on Ebay for \$95+shipping. Call Mike Nelson at 2-4259 or 295-549-229.

For sale: 20" stereo Dual Volage/Multi Sanyo TV \$100 Firm, a year old, cost \$289 at BX. 36"X42"X15 round pool, used one summer, \$75 includes pump, hose, ladder & extras. Boys 3/2 Medium short wetsuit, like new \$15. Progressive scan DVD MDV456, like new \$30. Call 295549775.